

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

Central Baptist Association

OF

NOVA SCOTIA,

HELD WITH THE

*Upper Aylesford Baptist Church, Saturday, Monday,
and Tuesday, June 23rd, 25th, and 26th.*

WITH THE

CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

HALIFAX, N. S.

"CHRISTIAN MESSENGER" OFFICE,

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MINUTES.

UPPER AYLESFORD, KINGS COUNTY,

Saturday Morning, June 23rd, 1877.

The Nova Scotia Central Baptist Association convened this day at the Upper Aylesford Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Moderator of last year, Rev. S. B. Kempton, called the Association to order. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. A. Wallace.

The following is the

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Aylesford Upper—Rev. J. L. Read, Deas. Geo. West. Saml. Bowlby, Nah Graves, Oliver Cogswell, John Palmer.

Brooklyn—B. W. Lockhart, (Lic.), Bro. James Coalfleet.

Cambridge—Deas. Wm. Craig, W. H. Forsyth, A. A. Pineo.

Chester—Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Cornwallis 1st, (Canard)—Rev. S. B. Kempton, Bros. J. E. Lockwood, C. F. Eaton, Geo. Pineo.

Cornwallis 2nd (Berwick)—Rev. Isa. Wallace, Dea. John Lyons, Brethren Edward Parker, A. F. Chipman, E. B. Bolser, Leander Beeet.

Cornwallis 3rd, (Billtown)—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Deas. C. E. Barker, Elias Kilecup.

Cornwallis 4th, (Long Point)—Rev. J. L. Read, Deacon Edward C. Carlton, Bro. James Hicks.

Cornwallis 5th, (Pereaux)—Deacon Gould N. Davidson.

Cornwallis 6th, (Canning)—Rev. S. J. Neily, Dea. L. C. Woodworth. *Others use*—Rev. M. W. Brown, Deacon Samuel Miller.

Elmsmouth—Rev. J. A. McLean, Dea. A. Shaw, Bro. Wallace Daniel.

Halifax 1st, (Granville Street)—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Dea. S. Selden, Brethren H. N. Paint, J. W. Rhuland.

Halifax 2nd, (North)—Rev. J. W. Manning, Bro. J. C. Dumaresq.

Halifax 3rd, (Gerrish Street)—Rev. J. F. Avery, Dea. Benj. Hubley. *Antsport*—Rev. A. J. Stevens.

Marlton 1st, (Wolfville)—Revds. S. W. DeBlois, A. W. Sawyer, D.D., Cramp, D.D., John Chase, Dea. J. W. Barss, Prof. D. F. Higgins, Albert Coldwell.

Marlton 2nd, (Gaspereaux)—Rev. H. N. Parry, Brethren John Graham, town.

Marlton 3rd, (New Minas)—Rev. C. B. Welton, Bro. John Burbidge.

Marlton—Rev. G. A. Weathers, Bro. Stephen Langille.

Marlton—Bro. John W. Rhuland.

Marlville—Rev. C. B. Welton, Deas. Geo. E. Masters, B. H. Ilsley.

Menenburg—Rev. J. Williams, Brethren J. B. Worthy lake, H. E. S. (Lic.).

New Germany—Deacon Geo. Barss, Brethren A. E. Durland, W. H. Durland.

Newport—Rev. P. S. McGregor.

St. Margaret's Bay 2nd—Rev. Wm. Spencer.

Bridgewater—Bro. Robert West.

Sackville—Dea. F. Webber.

Waterville—Rev. J. A. McLean.

Windsor—Rev. E. W. Kelly, Bro. E. D. Shand.

Rawdon—Rev. M. W. Brown.

New Cornwall—Rev. John Williams, Dea. Samuel Hallimore.

Western Association—Revds. E. Whitman, P. R. Foster, W. E. Ha Thos. Trotter.

The following brethren were invited to sit with the Association

Revds. C. Tupper, D.D., Geo. O. Gates, R. R. Philp, E. O. Read, H. Robbins, M. Normonday, A. Cogswell, G. N. Ballentine, W. Parker, E. A. Crawley, D.D., Obed Parker, John Clark, J. M. Parke E. M. Keirstead, D. Freeman, Deas. E. C. Banks, A. T. Baker, Lease Baker, A. M. Wheelock, Brethren Dimock Whitman, James Bligh J. F. Crowe, William Morse, Asa Morse, A. J. Walker, Chas. Skinner, David Wallace, Arthur Roscoe, (Lic).

The ballot being taken, the Rev. J. W. Manning was elected Moderator; Rev. C. B. Welton and Albert Coldwell were chosen Secretaries; Leonard Fitch, Treasurer; A. A. Pineo, Assistant Treasurer; J. W. Barss, Auditor.

The following Committees were appointed:—

To EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. C. Tupper, D.D., I. J. Skinner, E. Saunders, Dea. J. W. Barss.

To READ LETTERS.—Revds. J. F. Avery, S. B. Kempton, E. O. Re

The Committee on Arrangements reported in part as follows: Prayer-Meeting at 6.30 A. M.; Morning Sittings, 10 A. M. 12 M.; Afternoon Sittings, 2 P. M. till 5 P. M.; Evening Sittings 7 P. M. Report adopted.

Letters from the Churches were read.

Resolved That the following telegram be forwarded to Rev. J. Pope, St. John, N. B.:—

AYLESFORD, June 23, 1877.

Rev. J. D. Pope:

Deep sympathy is felt by the Central Association, now in session, for our afflicted brethren in St. John. Will pecuniary help be acceptable? To whom shall we send?

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. W. DeBlois.

SATURDAY—Afternoon Session.

Meeting opened at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. R. R. Philp. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Additional letters from the churches were read.

The absentees on the Committees appointed last year were filled and Committees stand as follows:—

ON BENEVOLENT FUNDS.—Revds. Isa. Wallace, J. L. Read, J. H. Robbins.

EDUCATION.—Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D.D., Prof. D. F. Higgins, Rev. E. L. Saunders, Albert Coldwell, Dr. Cramp.

OBITUARIES.—Revds. D. W. C. Dimock, A. J. Stevens, Bros. H. N. Saint, J. C. Dumaresq.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Revds. S. J. Neily, W. E. Hall, H. E. S. Maider, (sic), Bros. J. E. Lockwood, F. Webster.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Revds. I. J. Skinner, J. Williams, M. W. Town.

TEMPERANCE.—Bros. Geo. Weathers, A. A. Pineo, J. W. Rhuland, Langille.

The Committee on Arrangements further reported as follows:—

SABBATH APPOINTMENTS.

Manning was elected
Coldwell were chosen
A. Pineo, Assistant

Wesford, Baptist—11.00 A. M. Rev. Dr. Crawley.
3.30 P. M. " S. W. DeBlois.

" Methodist—11.00 A. M. Rev. Dr. Sawyer.
3.30 P. M. J. W. Manning.

Wistown—11.00 A. M. Rev. J. A. McLean.
3.30 P. M. " W. H. Richan.

Point—11 A. M. Rev. Wm. Spenser.

Kempton, E. O. Rev. E. M. Saunders.
in part as follows:
10 A. M. 7.30 P. M. " J. Williams.

Wesport—3.00 P. M. Rev. C. B. Welton.

Winton—3.00 P. M. Rev. M. W. Brown.

South Berwick—4.00 P. M. Rev. Geo. Weathers.

Wick, Methodist—11 A. M. Rev. P. R. Foster.

Penwood—11 A. M. Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Montgomery—3.30 P. M. Rev. A. J. Stevens.

South Kingston—3.30 P. M. Rev. Thos. Trotter.

Warden—11.00 A. M. Rev. Aaron Cogswell.

Ward—11.00 A. M. Rev. J. Brown.

Corner Square—3.30 P. M. Rev. Geo. O. Gates.

Albert St.—10.30 A. M. Rev. M. Normonday.

Wrensville—4.00 P. M. Rev. M. Normonday.

Wrenstown—10.30 A. M. J. H. Robbins.

Corner—4.30 P. M. Rev. B. W. Lockhart.

Worville—11.00 A. M. Rev. C. B. Welton.

Bridge—11.00 A. M. Rev. P. S. McGregor.

Wren—11.00 A. M. Rev. P. S. McGregor.

That the Association Sermon be preached at 10 A. M. on Monday, and the Circular Letter be read immediately after. Report adopted.

The Committee on Benevolent Funds presented their report. After addresses were made by several brethren the Report was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Resolved, That the Sabbath collections usually given to Missions be forwarded to our afflicted brethren in St. John.

Adjourned to Monday, at 10 A. M. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Richan.

MONDAY MORNING, June 25th

The Association Sermon was preached by Rev. A. J. Stevens from Colossians iii. 3, 4:—"For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

Business was resumed. Prayer by Rev. Charles Tupper, Dr. Committee on Circular Letter reported. Report adopted.

The Circular Letter was read by the writer, Rev. E. A. Crawley. D. D. Subject: "Faith and the Word of God."

Resolved, That it be adopted and printed in the Minutes, and that Rev. A. J. Stevens and Dr. Crawley be requested to furnish copies of the Sermon and the Letter for publication in the *Messenger*.

The Committee on Obituaries presented their Report. (See Appendix B.) It was amended and adopted.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. David Freeman.

MONDAY—Afternoon Session

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Sawyer.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee on Denominational Literature presented their report. (See Appendix C.)

Resolved, That it be considered clause by clause.

After discussing it, and adopting the several clauses, it was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Education presented their report. It was discussed at considerable length, the following brethren taking part in the discussion:—Rev. Dr. Cramp, J. W. Barss, Prof. Dr. Higgins, Revds. Dr. Sawyer, S. B. Kempton, Isa. Wallace, and M. Saunders. Report adopted. (See Appendix D.)

The following names were added to the Committee on Arrangement:—Revds. S. B. Kempton, S. W. DeBlois, Dea. A. T. Baldwin.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee on Nominations:—Revds. E. M. Saunders, D. W. C. Dimock, Dr. Sawyer, Deas. J. W. Barss, F. Webber, and Bro. C. F. Eaton.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

MONDAY- Evening Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. Williams.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Letters were read from churches at Jeddore, LaHave, Musquodobit, Windsor Plains.

Report of Infirm Ministers' Board adopted. (See App. E.)

A resolution having been introduced looking to co-operation with the Associations in the relief of Infirm Ministers, it was resolved, after some discussion, that the matter be laid over till next session.

The Committee on Missions reported. A letter was read from W. H. Warren, Secretary of Home Missionary Union, giving an abstract of the work of the Home Missionary Union for current year. Addresses were delivered by Revds. Dr. Tupper, J. Brown, W. DeBlois, G. N. Ballentine, W. G. Parker, David Freeman, L. Normonday, J. H. Robbins, agent of the Home Mission. Report adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. W. Kelley.

TUESDAY MORNING, June 26th.

Prayer by Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Resolved, That this Association, having heard of the serious misfortune sustained by Rev. E. O. Read on Saturday evening last, by which his right arm was broken, hereby express its sympathy for our esteemed brother in this affliction, and trust that by the blessing of Providence he may soon recover from his present injuries.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance presented their report, which, with a slight alteration, was adopted. (See Appendix G.) The Committee on Sabbath Schools presented their report. Addresses were given by Deas. J. W. Barss, A. A. Pineo, Revds. J. Neily, E. M. Keirstead, D. W. C. Dimock, and T. Trotter. Report adopted. (See Appendix H.)

The Committee on Temperance presented their report, which, after discussion, was adopted. (See Appendix I.)

The hour having arrived for adjournment it was resolved that the same be extended indefinitely.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay over moneys to the Treasurers of different funds.

Resolved, That the sum of \$330.00 raised for our brethren in St. John, N. B., be placed in the hands of Deacon J. W. Barss to be forwarded.

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COLLECTIONS FOR SAINT JOHN FUND.

Canard.....	\$152 27
Lawrencetown.....	12 38
Upper Aylesford.....	92 06
Methodist, Upper Aylesford.....	3 11
Tremont.....	8 15
2nd Cornwallis Church.....	37 87
Cambridge.....	4 73
Upper Wilmot.....	10 02
North Kingston.....	5 50
J. W. Barss.....	3 91
 Total.....	 \$330 00

Resolved, That whereas our denomination has no adequate method now for the care of our Infirm Ministers, the widows of deceased ministers, and the orphans of ministers;

And whereas, our brethren in St John have requested that a Committee be appointed from the different Associations, to meet at Wolfville at the time of the Convention in August to agree upon some plan that may be presented to the denomination for such provision.

The following Committee to represent this Association was appointed:—Revds. E. M. Saunders, S. R. Kempton, and Bro. C. F. Eaton.

Resolved, That a copy of the above be sent to the Eastern Association with a view to securing united action.

Dr. Sawyer, Rev. S. B. Kempton, and Deacon S. Selden were appointed delegates to the Eastern Association.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the Convention:—Brethren J. E. Lockwood, A. M. Wheelock, A. A. Pine, J. W. Barss, John Palmer.

Delegates to the Western Association:—Revds. J. L. Read, Isa. Wallace, E. M. Saunders.

Delegates to the P. E. Island Association:—Dea. S. Selden, H. N. Paint.

The Committee on Nomination report:—

That the Association meet next year with the First Cornwallis Church, (Canard).

That the Sermon be preached by Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D.D., and that the Rev. C. B. Welton be the alternate.

That Deacon J. W. Barss write the Circular Letter.

COMMITTEES.

TO EXAMINE CIRCULAR LETTER.—Prof. D. F. Higgins, Revds. C. Welton, and E. A. Crawley, D. D.

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Revds. S. B. Kempton, S. Neily, and Bro. C. F. Eaton.

ON BENEVOLENT FUNDS.—Revds. J. W. Manning, D. W. C. Dimer, and Deacon S. Selden.

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. E. M. Saunders, Isa. Wallace, J. A. McLean, and Bro. Coldwell.

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ON MISSIONS.—Revds. I. J. Skinner, John Williams, and Bro. H. E. Mader, (Lic.)

ON OBITUARIES.—Revds. J. M. Cramp, D. D., J. L. Read, H. N. Parry, and J. C. Blakeney.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Deacons E. D. King, F. Webber, Brethren C. Roscoe, N. A. Parker, James E. Irish, Rev. M. W. Brown.

ON TEMPERANCE.—Brethren J. Parsons, Mark Curry, Revds. James Meadows, George Weathers, J. F. Avery, P. S. McGregor.

ON ARRANGEMENTS.—Revds. S. B. Kempton, S. J. Neily, D. W. C. Dimock, S. W. DeBlois, C. B. Welton.

BOARD OF INFIRM MINISTERS.—Revds. S. W. DeBlois, S. B. Kempton, Prof. D. F. Higgins, Brethren C. F. Eaton, J. W. Barss, Jas. S. Morse.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Association be tendered to the Upper Aylesford Church and congregation, (and also to the choir for the choice music rendered), for their hospitality and kindness to the delegates during the session.

Resolved, That Revds. E. M. Saunders, J. W. Manning, and Deacon Selden be a Committee to superintend the printing of the Minutes.

Resolved, That the usual number of Minutes be printed.

Minutes of this sitting read and approved.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Isa. Wallace, to meet with the Baptist Church at Canard, on the Saturday following the 20th of June, 1878.

J. W. MANNING, *Moderator.*
C. B. WELTON,
ALBERT COLDWELL, } *Secretaries.*

Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Central Association, held in Aylesford, June, 1877.

NAME OF CHURCH.		PASTOR'S NAME.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	YEAR OF SETTLEMENT.	CLERK, AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
1 Aylesford.	2 Bridgewater.	1846 J. L. Read.	1859 D. W. Morton, Upper Aylesford	1859	W. J. Gates, Bridgewater
3 Brooklyn.	4 Cambridge.	1848 B. W. Lockhart, (Lie.)	1859 W. J. Gates, Bridgewater	1859	William Reiden, Lockhartville.
5 *Chelsea.	6 Chester.	1874.	1860 James Craig, Woodville, Cornwallis	1874	James Craig, Woodville, Cornwallis
7 Cornwallis 1st, Canard.	8 " 2nd, Berwick.	1811 J. J. Skinner.	1861 John A. Church, Chester	1861	John A. Church, Chester
9 " 3rd, Bilton.	10 " 4th, Long Pt.	1860 S. B. Kempson	1868 Otis Eaton, Centreville	1868	Otis Eaton, Centreville
11 " 5th, Poreaux.	12 " 6th, Canning.	1860 S. B. Kempson	1874 C. B. Lamont, Bilton	1874	C. B. Lamont, Bilton
13 " 7th, Darnmouth.	14 " 8th, Ellershouse.	1862 J. L. Read.	1874 T. H. Parker, Berwick	1874	T. H. Parker, Berwick
15 " 9th, Falmouth.	16 " 10th, Fall River.	1862 J. L. Read.	1874 Edward C. Charlton, Greenwich	1874	Edward C. Charlton, Greenwich
17 " 11th, Grand Falls.	18 " 12th, Grand Falls.	1862 J. L. Read.	1875 Walter M. Sanford, Perceaux	1875	Walter M. Sanford, Perceaux
19 " 13th, North Sydney.	20 " 14th, North Sydney.	1862 J. L. Read.	1877 R. D. G. Harris, Canning	1877	R. D. G. Harris, Canning
21 " 15th, North Sydney.	22 " 16th, North Sydney.	1864 A. S. Hunt.	1876 Charles Keeler, Ellershouse.	1876	Charles Keeler, Ellershouse.
23 " 17th, North Sydney.	24 " 18th, North Sydney.	1872 M. W. Brown.	1876 Jacob Miller, Ellershouse.	1876	Jacob Miller, Ellershouse.
25 " 19th, North Sydney.	26 " 20th, North Sydney.	1843 J. A. McLean.	1876 A. Shaw, Falmouth.	1876	A. Shaw, Falmouth.
27 " 21st, North Sydney.	28 " 22nd, North Sydney.	1877 B. H. Fenton, Halifax.	1867 E. H. Fenton, Halifax	1867	E. H. Fenton, Halifax
29 " 23rd, North Sydney.	30 " 24th, North Sydney.	1868 J. N. Manning.	1875 J. C. Dunn, 112 Macmillan Street, Halifax.	1875	J. C. Dunn, 112 Macmillan Street, Halifax.
31 " 25th, North Sydney.	32 " 26th, North Sydney.	1868 J. N. Manning.	1874 J. Maynard Street, Halifax.	1874	J. Maynard Street, Halifax.
33 " 27th, North Sydney.	34 " 28th, North Sydney.	1869 C. B. Wellman.	1876 J. W. C. Warden, Warden's Point, Halifax.	1876	J. W. C. Warden, Warden's Point, Halifax.
35 " 29th, North Sydney.	36 " 30th, North Sydney.	1877 W. A. Davison, Gaspe Street, Halifax.	1877 W. A. Davison, Gaspe Street, Halifax.	1877	W. A. Davison, Gaspe Street, Halifax.
37 " 31st, North Sydney.	38 " 32nd, North Sydney.	1843 James Meadoway.	1878 B. C. Coven, Inverness.	1878	B. Coven, Inverness.

3rd, Pinhook...1853	D. W. C. Dunrook	1854 C. D. Dunrook, Linn, Greenwich	3 20 142
9 4th, Long Pt...	J. L. Read	1859 Edward C. Charlton, Penrane	3 20 87
10 " 5th, Pereau...		Walter M. Sanford, Pereau	77 77 45
11 " 6th, Canning...		R. D. G. Harris, Canning	5 40 128
12 " 7th, Dartmouth...		1867 Charles Keeler, Dartmouth	128 15 16
13 Dartmouth ...	1844 A. S. Hunt	1876 Jacob Miller, Ellershouse	21 210 231
14 Ellershouse...	1872 M. W. Brown	1876 A. Shaw, Falmouth	32 231 109
15 Falmouth...	1843 J. A. McLean	1867 B. H. Eaton, Halifax	32 184 204
16 Fall River...	1897 E. M. Manning	Dunrane, 112 Market Street	33 20 204
17 Halifax 1st, North...	1848 J. W. Manning	1876 J. C. Govey, 7 Maynard Street, Fairsto	165 165 165
18 " 2nd, North...	1851 J. F. Avery	Govey, 7 Maynard Street, Fairsto	109 109 109
19 " 3rd, North...	1854 J. F. Avery	Zanesville, Ohio	109 109 109
20 " 4th, North...	1856 J. F. Avery	1876 W. H. Waterville, Waterville	109 109 109
21 " 5th, North...	1859 C. B. Welton	1877 W. A. Robinson, Glastonbury	109 109 109
22 Indian Harbor, West...	1849 James Matthews	B. Govey, Indian Harbor	109 109 109
23 Jealott...	1842 G. A. Wethers...	Elias Baker, Jealott East	109 109 109
24 Kemp...	1874 C. B. Welton	1866 Joseph D. Masters, Somerville, Hants Co.	109 109 109
25 Kentville...	1853 F. D. Crawley	1876 Henry Lovett, Kentville	109 109 109
26 LaHave...	1869 J. Williams	1876 John Lantz, Conquerall	109 109 109
27 Lunenburg...	1875 E. S. Mader, Mahone Bay	1876 E. S. Mader, Mahone Bay	109 109 109
28 Maitland*		1875 John Spidle, New Cornwall	109 109 109
29 Musquodobit...	1856 John Williams	1876 A. E. Durland, New Germany	109 109 109
30 New Cornwall...	1842	1876 James Robinson, Woodville, Newport	109 109 109
31 Newport...	1799 P. S. McGregor	1876 John Brown, Preston	109 109 109
32 Preston 1st...		1876 J. W. Faist, Pleasantville, Lanenburg Co.	109 109 109
33 Preston 2nd*		1876 John McLearn, Rawdon	109 109 109
34 Pleasantville...	1875 F. D. Crawley	1876 F. Webster, Sackville	109 109 109
35 New Germany...	1823 M. W. Brown	1876 Alvan Hubley, St. Margaret's Bay	109 109 109
36 Newport...	1832 B. P. Shafner, (lie)	1876 George F. Hubley, Black Point	109 109 109
37 New Ross...	1823 Bay 1st...	1876	109 109 109
38 Preston 1st...	1872 W. Spenser		109 109 109
39 Preston 2nd*			109 109 109
40 Pleasantville...	1875 F. D. Crawley		109 109 109
41 Rawdon...	1823 M. W. Brown		109 109 109
42 Sackville...	1832 B. P. Shafner, (lie)		109 109 109
43 St. Margaret's Bay 1st...	1823		109 109 109
44 " 2nd...	1872 W. Spenser		109 109 109
45 Tuncook*			109 109 109
46 Walton*			109 109 109
47 Waterville...	1857 J. A. McLean	1876 Daniel Beach, Waterville	109 109 109
48 Windsor...	1819 E. W. Kelly	1876 Edgar D. Shand, Windsor	109 109 109
49 Windsor Plains...		William Pelotes, Windsor Plains	109 109 109

* No letter.

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Ministers in the N. S. Central Association.

NAME.	Place of residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. Avery, J. F.	Halifax.	Oct. 20, 1870	Tawstock, G. B.
" Bancroft, J.	Walton.	March 1840	Rawdon.
" Bleaskney, J. C.	Hantsport.	Feb. 1868	Richmond, N. B.
" Brown, M. W., A. M.	Ellershouse.	July 21, 1870	Ellershouse.
" Chase, John	Wolfville.	July 1, 1835	Billtown.
" Cramp, J. M., D.D.	Wolfville.	May 7, 1818	London, G. B.
" Crawley, F. D., A.B.	Pleasantville.	Sept. 21, 1876	Pleasantville, Lun. d
" Crawley, E. A., D.D.	Wolfville.	May 28, 1850	Providence, R. I.
" DeBlois, S. W., A.M.	Wolfville.	Feb. 26, 1854	Chester.
" Dimock, D. W. C., A.M.	Billtown.	Dec. 6, 1841	Chester.
" Delong, T. C.	Tanecook.	1836	New Albany.
" Freeman, D., A.M.	Canning.	Aug. 1, 1855	Halifax.
" Hunt, A. S., A.M.	Dartmouth.	Nov. 10, 1844	Dartmouth.
" Kempton, S. B., A.M.	Canard.	Sept. 15, 1863	New Minas.
" Kelly, E. W., A.B.	Windsor.	June 23, 1870	Windsor.
" Lucas, Wallace	Hammond's Plains.		Hammond's Plains.
" Manning, J. W., A.B.	Halifax.	March 1868	Port Hawkesbury, C
" McGregor, P. S.	Newport.	March 22, 1877	Newport.
" Meadows, Jas.	Stewiacke.	Feb. 28, 1868	Jeddore.
" Miller, John	Halifax.		
" Nettly, S. J., A.M.	Canning.	Sept. 1872	North Sydney.
" Philip, R. R., A. B.	Halifax.	Oct. 12, 1856	Markare, C. B.
" Parry, H. N.	Gaspereaux.	April 25, 1877	Gaspereaux.
" Parker, D. O., A. M.	Berwick.	March 23, 1861	Liverpool.
" Pineo, D.	Long Point.	Dec. 24, 1844	Greenwich.
" Read, J. L.	Upper Aylesford.	June 30, 1858	Hopewell, N. B.
" Robbins, J. H.	Yarmouth.	Aug. 29, 1873	Rawdon.
" Saunders, E. M., A.M.	Halifax.	Dec. 15, 1858	Berwick.
" Sawyer, A. W., D.D.	Wolfville.	Dec. 27, 1853	Lawrence, Mass.
" Shaw, D. G.	Halifax.	Jan. 24, 1860	Falmouth.
" Skinner, I. J., A.B.	Chester.	Sept. 19, 1858	Port Medway.
" Spencer, Wm.	Margaret's Bay.		New Minas.
" Stevens, James	Gaspereaux.	Aug. 4, 1830	Gaspereaux.
" Stevens, A. J., A.M.	Kentville.	Oct. 13, 1875	Kentville.
" Wallace, Isa., A.M.	Berwick.	April 8, 1850	Scotchtown, N. B.
" Welton, D. M., A.M.	Wolfville.	Sept. 2, 1857	Windsor.
" Welton, C. B., A.B.	Kentville.	April 3, 1877	Kentville.
" Weathers, George	Kempt.	May 12, 1864	Newport.
" Williams, John	Mahone Bay.	Jan. 1862	Centreville, N. B.

LICENTIATES.

Canard,—John Duncanson.
 Berwick,—Charles Norwood.
 Billtown,—Arthur Roscoe.
 Falmouth,—Stewart Masters, Charles Bishop.
 Gaspereaux,—E. P. Coldwell, B. W. Lockhart.
 Lunenburg,—H. E. S. Maider, C. Spidle.
 Newport,—Enoch Sweet.
 Windsor,—I. O. Redden.
 Wolfville,—H. Foshay, C. Martell, A. B.

Circular Letter.

THE WORD OF GOD, AND FAITH.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Place of Ordination

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8	Richmond, N. B.
6	Ellershouse.
5	Billtown.
18	London, G. B.
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30	Providence, R. I.
54	Chester.
41	Chester.
36	New Albany.
55	Halifax.
44	Dartmouth.
53	New Minas.
57	Windsor.
56	Hammond's Plains.
58	Port Hawkesbury.
57	Newport.
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1872	North Sydney.
1858	Margaree, C. B.
1877	Gaspereaux.
1861	Liverpool.
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1864	Newport.
1862	Centreville, N. B.

Dear Brethren,—

The Divine Word commands the housekeeper who brings forth of his treasure things new and old. Of these the old are often the best. We now, in humble imitation of the word, and without sparing of the many new things that may be profitably presented, commend to you in this communication the old subjects, the Word of God and Faith. Old, certainly, they are, but capable of new appreciation of their value, and new demonstration of power in the practical operation, through them, of the Spirit of God that may make them become to us as the freshest and newest of truths. We are not, indeed, afraid that the value of these precious things will ever die out of the world, for we trust that they have much more to do in it, that they are destined to perform here a greater work than they have ever yet done, but we do fear that there may be occasions of temporary forgetfulness of their value, of very evil influence. May we ask you whether, for example, the time-honored practice of reading the Bible in family gatherings is now perished with the care and fidelity that some of you may remember have been formerly practiced among us.

But, however this may be, we all shall agree that the world, and mainly the churches, need every day, and, if possible, more than ever, the renewed influence of Bible truths. There is no modern source or form of thought, there never will or can be any, that shall carry the weight, diffuse the knowledge, or reflect the glory to be found in God's Word.

But, at the present time, as is well known, a special war is being waged against the Word of God as His Word; and it becomes all His servants, now particularly, to shew their allegiance to Him by renewed and increased attachment to His Word, thus warred against. The Divine character of the Word, let us remember, is one of our most important bulwarks, our strong defense against countless evils; and it is our duty and interest to defend it, as soldiers defend a fortress against the enemy, that the word, like a defended fortress, may itself in turn become our protection and strong defense. And this strong tower let us gather in manner as the Psalmist speaks in regard of Zion: "Go round about her, mark well her bulwarks."

This subject is rich in valuable suggestions, but as we refer here to the Word of God only as a natural introduction to faith in that

Word and in God, we abstain from following the rich vein that opens before us, in order to turn to our principal point in this letter, FAITH. Faith in the Word—in God—in Christ—that old subject that demands from us such sort of thought, such character of mind and heart applied to it, as, with God's blessing, shall clothe it all anew with freshness and power. This newness of faith as a great reality, a necessity and a power, attended with great magnitude of results, is what we wish to make the burthen of this address.

"Oh fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken," Luke xxiv. 25. "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven," Matt. xviii. 19. "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed ye shall say to this mountain remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you," Matt. xvii. 20. "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you," John xv. 17.

These, you know, are some of the wonderful words with which Jesus shewed his disciples how little faith they had; and how much they ought to have and might have.

These words and many like them from the mouth of Jesus shew us the same truths as respects ourselves, and were spoken for the end; that is, to shew us the same things which they shewed Christ's immediate disciples; for whatever applies to us and our circumstances were spoken on our account. These statements we believe you will freely admit.

Let us then compare the faith we see or know of as practical in existence with the measure indicated in these words, and what can we say to our Divine Master of the result of the comparison? What should we say if He were now to come and ask, "When the Son of Man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?"

The above quoted words are truly wonderful. How the meaning they contain swells and grows as thought rests on them! And yet they are as plain in their meaning as they are wonderful. It is plain that if we do not believe as the words imply. We are "fools and slow of heart."

It is plain that not only in private but in concert with others, we may ask what we will and it shall be done, to the extent, even, bidding mountains remove to another place. And it is plain that needs only to abide in Christ, and for *His words to abide in us*, in order for these things to be realized,—to become a great reality.

Observe, too, the prominent place thus given to Christ's words, the words or Word of God. This degree of faith will produce effects if we abide in the words of Christ. It is then a great reality that we see Faith such as this may be.

In all this we see how complete a provision Jesus made even before He left the world for the unlimited growth of His church—salvation,—of good, of heavenly good, in men's hearts. And this provision continues; it is not diminished in the least. We have

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all here among us, or ready to be among us, so soon as men's hearts shall begin to believe, in the fashion and degree which the Saviour desires, and for which he thus prepared. We hope and pray for such faith thus to begin among us, dear brethren. There can be no doubt that men may thus believe, and that our Saviour expects it to be. For it was therefore he spoke and still speaks these words.

Admitting, then, that such faith may be a reality, need we say, that it is a great necessity? Dwell in thought on the ills in us, and the ills among us, needing to be removed. Dwell in thought on the souls—the dear souls, lovely and beloved, and most precious to our hearts, or what is more urgent still, ignorant, wilful, worldly, and without hope or God, who stand daily on the edge of time, ready at every moment to drop into eternity.

All these are appointed objects of faith and prayer. Say if you will that their conversion is a mountain of difficulty. Be it so. Is not the promise that a mountain shall remove out of its place, to the condition named? There is no doubt that there are mountains of difficulty all around us. But there is also no doubt that these mountains are there in order that the glory of Christ may be seen in removing them by the Spirit of God working, often, perhaps generally, through the faith and prayer of His people.

Among these great difficulties to be thus removed is also the terrible fact familiar to all, that there are still 800 or 1000 millions of heathen, men, women and children, who know not Christ. For whom missionaries must carry the wondrous message of the Gospel, and whose darkness and impenitence nothing but God's hand can move.

There is also a difficulty of perhaps even greater magnitude, flagrant around us. It is the difficulty of restoring fallen churches. Are the millions who almost or altogether worship saints, or the visitations of Protestant Churches never to merge in oneness of faith? Are the tie of one Lord, one faith, one Baptism? Are the songs and errors and evils in those Churches never to be scattered? Is this strange deadness of heart and life, this worldliness, idolatry of spirit so ripe among us, this weakness of faith that leaves such a wealth of gracious provision without results. Are all these things to remain thus? Are they never to be remedied. Did Jesus leave with us a provision for effecting all this necessary work in His Kingdom ere he ascended on high. Is it not plain that there is such provision full, effective, sufficient, as set forth in the words above quoted? Are any of these things requiring to be done a greater difficulty than the removing of a mountain from its place?

There is nothing on earth to be compared in urgency with the necessity of faith, to the removal of great and terrible ills. But it is true that there is nothing on earth equal to faith in power. He

that made the lightning and the thunder, and who moves the inventive genius of man to the discovery of the mightiest forces of nature, has revealed to us the truth that faith, as a grain of mustard seed only, is adequate to the removal of every evil on earth, even the mountain of difficulty however appalling it may appear in the magnitude and fierceness of its power.

What, then, can equal in pressure the duty of faith resting on the Churches of God? When, therefore, you gather yourselves together, dear brethren, as the disciples and servants of Christ, reflect we beseech you, on the vastness of the work you have to do. Reflect, too, how surely this work will be done, if your faith be as a grain of mustard seed.

Therefore it is that we commend to you faith in the word of God in God, and in Christ, however familiar, the thought for it is plain that the world groans and is in pain for want of it.

May the Lord move us all to the measure of faith and prayer in case so urgently needs.

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APPENDIX.

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REPORT ON BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

Our Committee on Benevolent Funds beg to submit the following report:—

1.—AS TO OBJECTS.

There are three great denominational enterprises now calling for drafts from on benevolent funds, viz.:—Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and the Endowment of Acadia College. A great responsibility lies before the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union. Our Committee regret that the funds of the Board have not been sufficient to enable them to do as much Home Missionary work during the past year as seemed necessary, yet they are glad to learn that its financial condition is improving. In Foreign Missions we are committed to the support of three missionary families in Ceylon. The salaries of these, and the extra expenditure necessary to the establishment of our mission to the Telugus requires much money. The recent appeal of the Home Secretary to the Board shews a falling off in the income during the past year. The raising of \$100,000 additional endowment for Acadia College is now on our hands, and the consummation of this great undertaking is regarded in all quarters as absolutely essential to the future prosperity of our beloved College.

There are also three minor benevolent enterprises that must not be overlooked in the exercise of our benevolence, viz.:—the French School, Ministerial Education, and the Infirm Ministers' Fund. These objects are deserving, and their funds need replenishing.

2.—AS TO METHOD.

The Endowment of Acadia College is being pushed forward, under the direction of the Executive Committee, by a special committee appointed for that purpose.

In regard to our Missions and other benevolent objects your Committee find it difficult to recommend a system that may be applied to every church or locality, but they beg to suggest that the adoption of a system of quarterly, or at least half-yearly, collections or subscriptions as likely to be generally advantageous. The circulation of Cards at the commencement of the year, with a view to secure a pledge from each member of the church and congregation, would, they think, be attended with salutary results. The method might be as follows:—

In the blessing of God I hereby resolve to give for the year ending 1878, payable quarterly to benevolent objects as follows:—

Home Missions.....	8
Foreign Missions.....	—
French Missions.....	—
Ministerial Education.....	—
Acadia College.....	—
Infirm Ministers' Fund.....	—

Total.....

(Signed)

The pastors, however, can best adapt a system to the wants of their own people, and success in raising the necessary funds much depends upon their advocacy of the claims of these benevolent objects, the training of their people as to the duty of giving the Lord's cause, and upon their supervising the method adapted to the various churches and communities.

3.—AS TO MOTIVES.

"For none of us liveth unto himself." "Freely ye have received freely give." "Occupy till I come."

Respectfully submitted,

ISA. WALLACE, Chairman

(B)

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

So far as now known none of the ministers within the limits of this Association have been removed by death during the Annual year. This is cause of thankfulness, as none of the churches have thus been deprived of a pastor. May all who are permitted to enter on another year's labor be more signally blessed in their work for the Master than ever before.

Notwithstanding, death has not been idle, and the call to "cross over the river" has been given to many of the Lord's people, whereby all have been admonished to be "ready."

The decrease in the membership by death during the year according to the statistics is eighty-four, and if the churches have been called to mourn it is not as those who have "no hope" "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple."

Among those who have passed away, and whose services greatly missed by their brethren, may be mentioned

DEACON JUDGE MCCULLY.

In the Baptist cause Judge McCully took a deep interest, and the principles which he conceived were involved in that cause he firmly grasped, tenaciously held, and earnestly advocated.

His intellectual powers, which were of no ordinary nature, were highly cultivated by study and extensive reading and observation, and sanctified by the grace of God, made his

which respected by his brethren, even when they may have differed from him in judgment. The Foreign Mission largely shared his exertions; to promote its interests he was untiring, and, by his great ability, saved, on one occasion, the Board from financial and almost loss, while his successful effort was without expense, which otherwise would have cost a considerable amount.

In the doctrine of the sovereignty of divine grace he was firmly decided, and trusting in the righteousness of Christ for his justification and acceptance with God there was no wavering as he approached the end of his course, but in the full confidence of interest in the great atonement he peacefully left the earthly for the purer life in the heavenly society. He died early in January of the present year. He was a member of the North Baptist Church, Halifax.

DEACON ALEXANDER ROBINSON, a member of the Granville Street Church, has also passed away this year. He died April 19th. Deacon Robinson was generally beloved by those who knew him. He was for several years a member of the Board of the Home Missionary Society, and his counsel as well as his aid in other important objects was highly appreciated by those who labored with him in the department of Christian service.

Deacon Robinson did much good, it is believed, among those who were destitute of gospel privileges, while the Poor's Asylum, Jail, and Penitentiary shared his evangelistic labour. But the Master called him, and to him there was no terror in the message, but fully welcoming it, he went to meet his Lord.

D. W. C. DIMOCK, *Chairman.*

(C)

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

The Committee on Denominational Literature report as follows: "The advanced state of Education in Common and Sabbath Schools causes a craving for abundance of reading matter by the young in our families and our churches. It, therefore, becomes the duty of Christian parents and those who conduct our Sabbath Schools to be vigilant in supplying the existing demand for books and tracts. It is to be deplored that many of the books and tracts now in circulation are of a description that will nourish the best aspirations of our children. Sensational novels and periodicals, and newspapers abounding in tales if not altogether immoral, and curiously exciting the imagination, are very pernicious in their tendency, and should be discouraged by all lawful means. But the pulpit must be filled with reading matter suited to the moral and religious feelings that exist. Books sound in principle and doctrine, and tracts and periodicals that can be relied upon, are published and sold by the American Baptist Publication Society, and we commend them as

The British American Book and Tract Society at Halifax has sale inviting and cheap books and papers that can be chosen from and there is but little risk of their contents being such as we, a denomination, would object to. But in all cases parents and teachers, in making selection of reading matter for the young should exercise care and discrimination.

The *Christian Messenger* has been forty years before our denomination as its acknowledged organ. We, therefore, commend it as a useful family paper; at the same time, whilst we consider paper in its usual reading matter to be equal to any religious paper in our Province, still, from the advanced state of Education promoted by our Academy and College, we think it desirable to look forward to having it a periodical that will meet more fully the demands of the times. Increased circulation would, no doubt, enable the proprietor and publisher to engage more editorial assistance, which would conduce to its improvement.

We would discourage the taking by families in our denomination of papers under a religious title purporting to be highly liberal in their teaching, very evangelical in doctrine, and free from all partizan bias; as such papers will usually be found conducted by persons of most advanced partizan views, and strongly tinged with opposition to Baptist views and principles.

In conclusion we strongly recommend every family connected with this body to supply itself with a religious paper, and one established as an acknowledged organ of the Baptist denomination.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. BARSS, *Chairman*

(D)
REPORT ON EDUCATION.

For nearly half a century the Baptists of this Province have been prominent amongst the promoters of higher education. The history of the struggles and sacrifices of the founders and friends of our Institutions is well fitted to strengthen our faith and stimulate our zeal. They "attempted great things for God." They laid a broad and firm foundation, and, out of their scanty resources contributed toward the accomplishment of a great and noble purpose.

The work thus begun is yet far from its completion. The establishing and endowing of a College is a work of great magnitude, requiring persistent effort, wise counsels, and much money. A small community like ours, in which few men are wealthy, such an enterprise can hope to succeed only by enlisting the hearty and cordial co-operation of the whole body. Your Committee believe that the interest in our Institutions, though still much below what it ought to be, is steadily increasing year by year. The action of the Convention in determining to add a hundred thousand dollars to the Endowment, notwithstanding the financial diffi-

at Halifax has expression that afflicts the country, shews that the Baptists of to-day can be chosen from not wanting in the faith and energy that moved our Fathers, such as we, are gratifying to be able to report that the purpose then formed cases parents as borne fruit. In Yarmouth, St. John, and other towns the work for the young has been commenced, and with good prospects of success. The amount already subscribed is probably not less than one-fourth of the entire sum. Agents are in the field, who will doubtless push forward the work with vigor, and be able to report a considerably larger amount by the time of the meeting of Convention.

The teaching force of the College has been somewhat deranged during the past year by the absence of Professor Jones. It is expected he will return before the opening of the year. Professor G. A. Smith, who has also been absent a part of the year, has consented to resume his place as Principal of the Academy and Professor of Theology in the College. Only two young men were graduated at the close of the term. Twenty-five have presented themselves for examination, most of whom will probably be admitted. The College will, therefore, probably have a larger attendance next year than it has ever had in the course of its history.

Our Committee regret that, owing to the absence of Prof. Welton Europe, the Theological Department has been virtually suspended during the year. It is hoped that the denomination will take steps to place this department of our educational work on a more satisfactory basis.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. HIGGINS, *Chairman.*

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*Ministers' Fund in account with C. F. Eaton,
Treasurer.*

INTEREST TO JUNE 1ST, 1877.

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1. By balance per account rendered	\$930 33	365	\$55 82	
2. cash from W. A. Porter, Treas. C. B. Association	85 00	338	4 72	
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" sent Rev. James Stevens	25 00	236	0 96	
" " R. S. Morton	40 00	236	1 55	
1. " Bro. Crawley, per S. Selden, Esq.	12 00	151	0 29	
" C. H. Harrington, Esq., for Rev. Mr. Richardson	20 00	80	0 26	
1. To interest to balance interest account			56 71	
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C. F. EATON, Treasurer Infirmin Ministers' Board.

At Halifax, June 23rd, 1877.

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REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The spirit of Missions is the spirit of Christ. Hearts in sympathy with the purpose of the Redeemer will extend His kingdom.

It is a matter for congratulation that the missionary spirit in our churches is steadily increasing; that Christians are feeling more than ever the debt of gratitude they owe to Him who has said to-day to those bearing His name, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." When each Christian shall regard this command as addressed to himself personally, and that his treatment of it is the only true testimony of his love and attachment to his Divine Lord, then may we expect the Spirit to descend in rich measure on all our churches.

In regard to our Foreign Mission your Committee would express their continued appreciation of the work of the Board, as a testimony to the self-denying toil of our brethren and sisters who are actively engaged in teaching the perishing Telogoos the way of life. We have reason to be grateful to our Heavenly Father that Churchill's health is so far restored that he can engage actively in the work which lies so near his heart. It is also gratifying to learn that our brethren are not laboring in vain nor spending strength for nought, that some tokens of the Divine favor are resting upon the efforts which they have already put forth to those who have been so long in darkness, and we may confidently expect that as soon as they have mastered the language and can speak it with some degree of ease, we shall rejoice yet more.

Your Committee regard Home Missions as the right arm of the Church, and in proportion as the home fields are properly developed may we expect to succeed in extending the Redeemer's kingdom beyond our own borders.

Notwithstanding the heavy debt which has been resting for so long such weight upon the Missionary Union for the past year, which had crippled its energies, we are glad to learn that the financial condition of the Board is much better than could have been anticipated. The past year has been one of retrenchment, but we hope the time has come for an advance along the whole line. The fields are opening up on every hand, and the cry is, "Come help us."

An efficient agent is in the field, whose labors are already bearing fruit. We trust that he may be very successful in awakening a permanent interest in the Home work.

The French Mission claims our most earnest and prompt attention. The Missionary needs the sympathy and co-operation of his brethren in the work in which he is engaged. It is a favor to

desirable that this Mission be kept in its present condition. And, therefore, your Committee would recommend that the Missionary can take such action as, in their judgment, will best promote its interests.

Submitted,

J. W. MANNING, *Chairman.*

(G)

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee on "Sabbath Observance" beg to report as fol-

low:—We believe the Sabbath day to have been divinely instituted in the beginning for all mankind in all ages—that its gracious design is man's good and God's glory; and that its non-observance as a day of rest and worship is repugnant to both.

The Committee would exhort the Board, as a matter of the utmost importance, inasmuch as it can be plainly shown that "Sabbath breaking" is a fruitful source of evil to man and God, to prohibit all members of the Board, as well as all the sisters who are active in the way of life, from breaking the Sabbath day. Many a culprit has ended his days on the gallows whose first deviation from the path of rectitude has been disregard for the Lord's Day.

The manner of its observance, according to Scripture, may be said in general terms to be entire cessation from all unnecessary labour, mental or physical, and the employment of the day in additional exercises such as thanksgiving, prayer, praise, sacred singing, giving and receiving religious instruction, and whatever else may be in keeping with the worship of God, both at home and in the assembly. The house of God is the proper place of resort during Sabbath Day for all, whenever and wherever practicable.

The only license to labour on that day may be gathered from the example of our Lord when on earth. He, the "Lord of Sabbath Day," taught that it was lawful to do well on that day.

But even the well-doing was to be restricted to labour absolutely necessary to satisfy the ordinary demands of nature, the removal of suffering, and saving the life of man or beast. Thus did He perform miracles of healing, justifying his disciples in eating and drinking to satisfy hunger, &c., &c. (See Matt. xii. 1-13; Mark ii. 23-28; Luke vi. 1-10, and kindred passages.) notwithstanding these plain directions and indications as to the observance of the day it is to be deeply regretted that Sabbath breaking is so common among men.

Passing over the open flagrant violations of the Sabbath, which properly belong to another section, we would call the attention of this body to the great laxity in the observance of the day on the part of many professing Christians, and the tendency to abuse the liberty given by our Lord, by favoring to make out cases of necessity and mercy which

only become so on account of past neglect, or a strong desire for pleasure or pecuniary advantage. For instance, it becomes work of necessity to prepare fire-wood to keep the family from suffering to bake the meat for dinner or the rolls for supper, or to blacken the boots on Sunday morning, and to do a hundred other things because they were neglected on the previous day. Many persons who would not be seen laboring on the field or in the shop seem to have no scruples about performing a journey in order to be ready for the transaction of business on Monday morning. Some endeavor to compromise matters by starting in the morning and attending some place of worship on the way, and finishing the journey in the evening. Many use the day for the interchange of social visits which they regard as harmless, and visiting the sick likewise, which indeed has the semblance of well-doing, but very often the sick-room is crowded to suffocation on that day, while for the next six days the patient is left to suffer for want of proper attendance. And by far too common is the practice of standing around the place of worship discussing all kinds of worldly subjects, making bargains, paying debts, and such like business transactions, but for which, some at least, would seldom be seen at the house of God. These and similar engagements on the Lord's Day by professing christians go very far to lessen the respect for the day among the ungodly, and tend greatly to the hindrance of the cause of truth in the world.

That reformation in this respect is necessary needs no argument. Your Committee would most urgently press home upon all heads families the importance of maintaining in their households the Scriptural observance of the day. If this were done many of the evils complained of would disappear. They also recommend that our pastors, missionaries, religious teachers, and all persons of influence give this subject a more prominent place in their sermons and teachings, and all their public exercises, with a view to the correction of the growing evils of Sabbath desecration, and to the due reverence and observance of the Divine command, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

Respectfully submitted,

I. J. SKINNER, *Chairman.*

(H)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee report upwards of sixty Sabbath Schools within the limits of this Association, with an average attendance of about fifty-five pupils each. Fifteen of these schools are kept open through the entire year, the remainder from four to six months. This is an improvement upon the past, and yet a much greater remains to be effected. The number of Schools could be increased. There are still communities within this Association which do not enjoy the blessings of a regularly taught Sabbath school. The average attendance is not so high as it ought to be, and with more painstaking and zeal, instead of but one-fourth at least three-fourths of our Schools should be kept open through the entire year. Your Committee are of opinion that these defects are largely due to want of church co-operation. The Sabbath School is the child of the church, and whether or not it grow and become vigorous and strong,—an honor to God and a blessing among men, depends much upon the amount of fostering care it receives from the hitherto too negligent parent. Too much cannot be said to urge our churches to duty in this respect.

Of the numbers who have joined the church during the year, about 200 have come from the Sabbath Schools. This is cause for deep gratitude. Good seed has been sown; good soil has been prepared. Still you can fear that the great aim of the Sabbath school is too much lost sight of. Nothing less than the conversion of God of every member in our Schools should be our object; for nothing less should we labor. Every Sabbath School pupil should be regarded as becoming a possible disciple of Christ and church member.

All this cannot be accomplished without the hearty co-operation of every member of our churches. If some are not adapted to work inside the School let them work outside in increasing the number of pupils, and by their prayers and money render such assistance as the necessity of the case demands.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. NEILEY, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg to report that at no time in the history of our country have its friends had greater cause to thank God and take courage. Their work is seen in the statistical books of our country. We find, also, that under God they have been largely instrumental in leading the christian church to its present position in regard to strong drink as being one of the deadliest opposers to its mission. In our opinion the church should lead in the great Temperance Reform. Wherever the spirit of Christ prevails the principle of Temperance takes deepest root; therefore church members should abstain at all times and places from intoxicating drinks.

Among our friends over the line wonders have been wrought. Women armed with the spirit of prayer have startled rummers from their dens. The God of Temperance is using converted drunkards to persuade their former associates to give up the deadly drink, and turn to sobriety. Temperance Societies are enjoying well-earned fame, and still they are pressing on to greater victories.

In looking to the future your Committee would urge the necessity of continued and united efforts on the part of the christian church, the religious press, and all the various temperance organizations for the total suppression of the traffic in spirituous liquors.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. WETHERS, *Chairman*

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*treasurer's Account of Moneys for Benevolent Objects
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NAME OF CHURCH.	Home Missions.	French Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Infirm Ministers.	Acadia College.	Total.
Aylesford, Upper	\$10 35	\$10 20	\$15 50	\$1 00	\$0 25	\$87 30
Begwater	13 00	13 00
Bethel	4 75	1 25	3 85	9 25
Bridgewater	4 00	4 00
Brunswick	9 00	2 50	18 00	10 00	39 50
Buxton	33 00	3 43	30 25	12 40	1 35	80 43
Cambellton, 1st	35 00	4 00	28 00	\$10 40	9 60	87 00
Cambellton, 2nd	25 00	25 00	5 51	10 00	5 30	70 81
Cambellton, 3rd	26 20	0 48	52 40	2 50	13 00	7 67	105 25
Cambellton, 4th	1 70	0 50	3 29	5 49
Cambellton, 5th	4 00	2 35	0 50	0 65	7 50
Cambellton, 6th	10 10	10 10
Cambellton, 7th	9 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	26 00
Cambellton, 8th	1 10	1 00	2 10
Cambellton, 9th	64 75	112 75	15 75	17 75	26 00	234 35
Cambellton, 10th	29 82	5 11	42 27	27 90	6 95	112 05
Cambellton, 11th	15 00	25 00	10 00	50 00
Cambellton, 12th	8 00	4 00	4 00	3 32	19 32
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Cambellton, 20th	15 00	2 00	5 30	3 00	3 00	5 00	33 30
Cambellton, 21st	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	11 00
Cambellton, 22nd	10 00	8 00	6 00	24 00
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S. E. FITCH, Treasurer.

Moneys reported by Churches and appropriated during the year.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Home Missions.	French Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Acadia College.	Infir Minsters.	Total.
1 Aylesford.....	\$25 26	\$10 20	\$15 50	.....	\$1 00	\$0 25	82
2 Berwick.....	50 00	.....	65 00	\$5 51	10 00	5 30	135
3 Billtown.....	28 00	20 48	69 40	2 50	13 00	7 67	141
4 Bridgewater.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13
5 Brooklyn.....	4 75	1 25	3 25	.....	.....	.....	9
6 Cambridge.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	0 50	7
7 Canaan.....	3 85	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	0 50	7
8 Canard.....	145 00	24 00	128 00	10 40	17 00	9 60	234
9 Canning.....	9 00	2 50	18 00	.....	10 00	.....	38
10 Chester.....	40 66	3 43	30 25	.....	12 40	1 35	85
11 Ellershouse.....	2 50	.....	10 10	.....	.....	.....	12
12 Fall River.....	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2
13 Falmouth.....	9 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	30
14 Gaspereaux.....	12 49	7 82	11 99	3 50	7 86	5 00	61
15 Greenwich.....	1 70	0 50	3 29	.....	.....	.....	9
16 Halifax 1st.....	151 00	.....	112 60	13 75	17 25	26 00	229
17 Halifax 2nd.....	29 82	5 11	42 27	.....	27 90	6 95	112
18 Halifax 3rd.....	20 00	.....	25 00	.....	10 00	.....	35
19 Hammonds Plains 1st.....	12 00	4 00	4 00	.....	3 32	.....	35
20 Hammonds Plains 2nd.....	5 00	.....	1 85	.....	.....	.....	6
21 Hantsport.....	25 32	0 25	2 75	.....	.....	.....	31
22 Indian Harbor, West.....	4 00	.....	37 55	.....	.....	.....	44
23 Kempt.....	10 54	1 75	9 63	.....	4 00	.....	33
24 Kentville.....	15 00	2 00	5 30	3 00	3 00	5 00	50
25 LaHave.....	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	11
26 Lunenburg.....	22 40	.....	8 00	.....	6 00	.....	36
27 Margaret's Bay 1st.....	1 85	1 00	.....	.....	0 50	.....	3
28 Margaret's Bay 2nd.....	3 50	0 80	2 60	0 67	0 80	0 80	17
29 New Cornwall.....	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
30 New Germany.....	7 72	2 01	6 66	.....	1 25	.....	20
31 Newport.....	26 15	2 00	25 50	1 50	0 85	5 00	57
32 Pereaux.....	4 00	.....	2 30	.....	0 50	0 05	5
33 Pleasantville.....	*15 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
34 Preston 1st.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	2 00	5
35 Rawdon.....	13 21	1 00	4 00	.....	1 50	0 50	20
36 Sackville.....	.6 00	2 00	6 00	.....	2 50	2 00	9
37 Waterville.....	4 00	.....	2 05	.....	.....	.....	6
38 Windsor.....	72 95	10 00	192 81	7 03	20 00	7 03	340
39 Wolfville.....	76 06	16 75	62 30	11 79	40 00	14 35	235
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* The \$15.50 from Pleasantville was not appropriated.

MINUTES
OF THE
N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

PORTAUPIQUE MOUNTAIN,
Friday, July 13th, 1877.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union convened in Temperance Hall, Portaupique Mountain, July 13th, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents Rev. S. March was called to the chair.

Union opened with prayer by Rev. D. W. Crandall. Secretaries appointed, J. F. Kempton and G. N. Ballentine.

The following list of delegates was then arranged, viz. :—

Ashert—Revds. D. A. Steele, G. F. Miles, Bro. B. L. Douglass.

Parrsboro'—Deacon Samuel Spencer.

Advocate Harbor—Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Macan—Brother W. B. Blenkhorn.

River John—Brethren Nelson Sutherland, Robert Allan.

Onslow West—Rev. S. March, Deacon Samuel McKinlay.

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Lower Economy—Rev. A. E. Ingram, Deacon Josiah Soley.

Upper Economy and Portaupique—Deacons George Davison, J. Carr, and Thomas Fulton.

Great Village—Deacon Ezra Layton, Brother Archibald Thompson.

New Glasgow—C. H. Martell, (Lic).

Albert River—Brethren Wm. McCully and D. C. Stevens.

Truro—Deacons Lyman Walker and Richard Upham.

Lawrencetown—Rev. G. N. Ballentine.

Halifax 1st—Brother S. Selleau.

Brookfield—H. B. Shaffner, (Lic).

Canadian Mines—J. D. Cook.

Little River—F. H. Rushton.

Members present in their own right, viz. :—

Revds. J. F. Kempton, H. Bool, P. R. Foster, J. H. Robbins, D. W. Crandall, Isa. Wallace, W. H. Warren, Samuel Thompson, Henry Miles.

Invited to a seat :—

Deacon A. A. Pineo, Bro. Wm. Cummings, Rev. John Coombs, Bro. J. McCurdy.

Resolved to close this session at 5 o'clock, P. M., and the evening session to open at 7 P. M.

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Union be printed with the Minutes of each of the Associations.

Upon motion, Rev. W. H. Warren, Corresponding Secretary, *pro. tem.*, read the report of the Executive Board, with that of the Treasurer.

Resolved to consider the Report clause by clause.

The Chairman called upon Rev. I. Wallace to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the success attending the efforts and labors of the Union the past year.

Clause by clause of the Report was then taken up; spoken to by several of the brethren, and four clauses were adopted, when the Union adjourned with prayer by Rev. P. R. Foster.

FRIDAY—Evening Session.

Session opened by singing

“Majestic sweetness sits enthroned,
Upon the Saviour's brow,”

and prayer by Rev. Dr. Sawyer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Report was again taken up, the clauses referring to the French Mission and Book Concern receiving special prominence.

On motion the Report was adopted as a whole.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted.

Moved by Dr. Sawyer, seconded and adopted, that :—

Whereas, It appears that the Board have not had any correspondence with the Governors of Acadia College concerning the relation of this Union to the Theological Department of the College, though the last clause of the third paragraph of the Report of the last year, as appears on the 35th page of the Minutes, required such correspondence;

Resolved,—That the Board be instructed to open correspondence with the Governors of the College on the subject referred to, with a view to bringing it to a termination that shall be satisfactory to all parties concerned.

It was voted that the Board be located for the ensuing year at Yarmouth.

It was voted that G. E. Day, A. C. Robbins, A. Cohoon, J. Anderson, W. A. C. Randall, E. M. Keirstead, W. R. Doty, P. J. Kinney, W. H. Warren, J. A. Stubbert, J. Rowe, Joshua Huestis, J. W. Weeks be the members of the Board for the ensuing year.

Also voted that the Board be empowered to fill any vacancies that may occur during the year.

It was agreed that we proceed to elect the

OFFICERS.

President—Hon. Dr. Parker.

Vice-Presidents—Rev. J. E. Goucher, for Eastern Association.
 Bro. S. Selden, Central "
 Rev. W. G. Parker, Western "
 " D. McDonald, P. E. Island "

Secretaries—Brethren Ballentine and Kempton.

Directors—A. P. Shand, Revds. S. B. Kempton, E. M. Saunders, J. W. Manning, J. C. Bleakney, D. W. C. Dimock, S. B. Kempton, and Deacon J. W. Bars, Central Association; Revds. E. Whitman, G. Gates, G. D. Cox, J. W. Bancroft, J. M. Parker, C. Tupper, D. D. John Clark, and Bro. B. H. Parker, for Western Association; Brethren M. King, N. Dobson, Moses Lowe, W. Cummings, J. R. Read, Amos Atkinson, A. W. McDonald, and Rev. D. McKeen, for Eastern Association; and Geo. McNeil, J. C. Colhoun, Jas. DesBrisay, George C. W. Alex. Scott, Artemas Hooper, Malcom Ross, and Ebenezer Edstone, for Prince Edward Island.

Auditor—D. R. Eaton.

Moved by Rev. I. Wallace and seconded by Rev. G. N. Ballantine:—

Whereas, There appears to be much difficulty to secure a sufficiently large or general representation of the churches at the annual meetings of this body;

And whereas, It seems highly desirable that the denomination throughout these Maritime Provinces become more intimately connected with its Home Missionary operations;

And whereas, The New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society at its recent annual meeting, expressed itself favorably with regard to reporting its work to the General Convention of these Provinces; Therefore resolved, That this Union hereby express its opinion favorably as to the desirableness and practicability of holding its annual meetings in connexion with said Convention, and of having its work reviewed by and incorporated with that body.

Voted thanks to the Board for service, and to the people of the community for their kind efforts to accommodate this Union.

Adjourned to meet with the Central Association at Canard next year.

J. F. KEMPTON,
 G. N. BALLENTINE, } Secretaries.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION

In presenting their fifth Annual Report the Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union desire to make grateful mention of the manifold blessings which an indulgent Father has been pleased to bestow upon our efforts during the past year. It has been a year of comparative prosperity. Difficulties have been overcome, burdens have been removed and an amount of work performed altogether beyond our anticipation. Having entered on the duties of the year with a heavy debt resting upon our chequer, we have had occasion for increasing gratitude in witnessing from month to month the gradual diminution of our liability whilst at the same time a fair degree of progress has been made in our missionary operations.

THE LINE OF POLICY PURSUED.

It was deemed expedient by your Board, in entering upon the responsibilities of the year, not only to adopt the most economical methods of carrying on the work in which we were engaged, but also to pursue the policy of retrenchment so far at least as to ensure the liquidation of all our debts before the close of the year. We are happy to state that this purpose has been well-nigh effected. In pursuing this line of policy however we have necessarily restricted our efforts in evangelization to such a degree that the work performed and the consequent results are small when compared with those former years. It is by no means a difficult matter so to manage the business of our Board as to be able to report a satisfactory balance in hand. That can be done simply by neglecting helpful fields, turning a deaf ear to the urgent appeals for aid which come to us almost every week, and permitting immortal souls to perish without making any other attempt to secure their salvation. But we are not ambitious for the fame of those societies which boast solvent treasures and have nothing else to report.

GENERAL AGENCY.

In following out the course suggested by their own convictions and in agreement with your recommendation of last year, your Board endeavoured to secure at the earliest possible date the services of an efficient General Agent. The task was a difficult one; and for several months our efforts were ineffectual. We were pleased to learn in the early part of last December that Rev. J. H. Robbins was willing to undertake this important work.

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is circumstances were such, however, that he could not enter upon the duties of the agency until about the beginning of February. This left a very short time in which to visit the churches and perform the vast amount of work which was necessary to be done before the close of the fiscal year. We are nevertheless well assured that during the three months of labor spent by Bro. Robbins in the service of the Board a valuable work was done for Home Missions, the results of which must conduce greatly to the future prosperity of the Union. The financial receipts have not hitherto been large; they have much exceeded the expense of the agency whilst the services of our Agent, considered simply in their missionary character, have been vastly greater and more fruitful in good results than those of almost any other missionary connected with our Board. The methods adopted and the work accomplished by Bro. Robbins will most intelligently understood by a careful perusal of his own report:

I herein forward the first quarter's report of my work as General Agent.

I entered upon the work on Jan. 29, and continued until April 1, when I returned to make arrangements for the removal of my family to Yarmouth. I was at home one day on business of my own. The period of my services has thus been about twelve weeks. During that time I visited 43 churches, delivered 42 lectures on Home Missions, preached 56 sermons, attended 117 meetings and baptised in all 9393 persons. I travelled 1325 miles, baptized 11 persons, and collected \$314.47.

I started subscriptions or circulated cards to gather funds for the missions in a number of churches, and urged others to press forward as energetically and promptly as possible. From several places I did not receive returns where some money had actually been collected.

I have as carefully as possible inquired into the circumstances of the church visited by me in relation to Home Missions, in order to ascertain their disposition and ability to contribute, or the need which they stood of assistance. I also sought to ascertain at what season of the year it would be best to visit each place either for funds or to do evangelistic work.

It has been my aim to encourage and help pastors in their work, to increase their interest in Home Missions, and to induce them to occasionally visit fields within their reach.

My constant purpose has been to present the claims of our great cause not merely as an appeal from the Board or from man, but as an appeal from the Lord to aid in carrying out the lost command, an imperative duty resting upon every Christian. Each church is accustomed to say, "We are poor;" but I ask every member on principle and intelligently. There is reason to hope that converts have been gained.

Among other things I have suggested improved systems of raising funds and have introduced these systems in several churches. A good general method is to name an amount such as might reasonably be expected to be raised by a given church, and then show with what ease the money can be obtained on the principle of each member contributing a small sum weekly or monthly.

My strong conviction after three months experience is that an energetic man should be kept constantly employed as a mission explorer, inspector and reporter, going to the destitute fields and thence to the stronger churches to stir them up with facts such as only a missionary can fully understand and describe. I see opportunities for doing much in the way of securing and arranging voluntary missionary work on the part of pastors, and I have also several such projects in view."

It is thus seen that the labors of our Agent are not to be measured, in estimating their utility, by the immediate pecuniary results that have been secured. He has done valuable work as a missionary. He has, after careful personal inspection, given judicious advice to our Board in reference to the allocation of fields, and the appointment of missionaries; and he has been by no means unsuccessful in raising funds. We strongly advise the Board who succeed us to continue his services.

MISSIONARY WORK UNDERTAKEN.

As already intimated, your Board have made comparatively few missionary appointments during the year. Earnest and urgent appeals for assistance came to us from many destitute places, and a large number of applications for appointments were made by would-be missionaries, both young and old. Every legitimate effort was made to introduce unemployed ministers to unoccupied fields; simple recommendation, but beyond this it was deemed inexpedient to venture until our treasury should assume a more hopeful appearance. It was thought advisable to disburse the limited funds at our disposal in the form of small subsidies to such missionary churches and stations as we have had reason to fear might be abandoned if aided by our treasury. Towards the close of the year, however, when our financial prospects seemed to brighten in some degree, we felt constrained to yield to the pressing appeal of several needed stations, and to send missionaries to labor therein for three months. Ignoring sectional distinctions, your Board have endeavored to secure missionary laborers for such fields as appeared most in need of assistance. Although aware of the general tendency to dissatisfaction in cases where some missionaries are assisted and others refused, we have had no alternative but simply to trust to our best judgement in sending our funds where they seemed most imperatively demanded or where the interests of our cause might be best subserved.

Your Board have been particularly careful to secure the present occupancy of our fields in Annapolis, Shelburne and New Glasgow, and have

proved systems of relief in several churches in mount such as might be found in the even church, and the same on the principle weekly or monthly. My experience is that employed as a mission to the destitute fields up with facts such as I describe. I see opportunity and arranging for, and I have already done. It are not to be immediate pecuniary resources as a mission to even judicious advice in the selection of fields, and even by no means under the Board who are taken.

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relieving as we do that these places are rapidly becoming important and efficient centres of Baptist influence. A comparatively small subsidy was granted to each of these places; but it is expected that in the early future they will cease depending upon our Board for aid, and will in their turn become liberal contributors to our cause. At New Glasgow a noble work has been done through the various efforts of Rev. David Freeman. A neat and comfortable house of worship has been erected and nearly paid for; and the interests of our denomination have been greatly promoted during the past year.

In the island of Cape Breton Rev. W. C. Rideout has been laboring successfully at Mira, Homeville and Glace Bay. His efforts have been much appreciated, and some encouraging results have already appeared. Rev. E. T. Carbonel has received aid from our treasury whilst laboring at River John and subsequently at Mabou Margaree.

In Prince Edward Island a fair amount of missionary work has been done. Rev. F. A. Kidson has labored during the year at Charlottetown, Lower Grand River and St. Peters Bay. A number have been added to the churches in those places through his instrumentality. Rev. D. H. Simpson has been aided by your Board in pastoral services in connection with the church at Montague. Rev. W. McGregor spent three months at Alberton, Wolfe and vicinity. The opening fields on this important island have received the most careful attention of your Board; and there has been an occasion of regret that notwithstanding all our efforts there has been no permanent missionary labor in the western section, little having been actually performed during the year owing to the unwillingness or inability of missionaries to comply with our appointments. Rev. E. H. Sweet, of Acadia College, is at present laboring in that field. We trust his ministrations will be greatly blessed.

THE FRENCH MISSION.

The work of Bro. Normonday differs materially from that of missionaries who labor in other communities, and cannot, therefore, be easily measured by the same standard. The difficulties to be overcome are much more formidable than those of Protestant fields, and the results following are consequently fewer and less apparent. The missionary has continued laboring, and we have reason to believe that some good has been done. Eight conversions are reported as either directly or indirectly resulting from this mission during the past year. Your Board are not yet fully satisfied, however, with the present state of this mission. Enlargement and improvement in our operations are demanded.

In the autumn it was thought advisable to authorize Bro. Normonday to make some personal effort in the way of collecting funds for the support of our churches. We did not suggest the sending out of circulars for aid; but perhaps that plan has secured as large a sum as could have been obtained in any other way.

THE BOOK DEPARTMENT.

In the opinion of your Board there is as much need of Baptist literature in our Sunday-Schools as there is of Baptist preaching in our churches. There would be as much propriety in securing our pulpits ministers who systematically avoid any reference to distinctive doctrines, as there is in obtaining books the teaching of which are guided by that principle. The introduction of such books into our Sunday Schools is a concession to other denominations that is operating disastrously against our own interests.

During the past year your Board have distributed upward of 1540 volumes of such literature as we could heartily recommend. About 13,800 pages of religious and temperance tracts were gratuitously circulated. The cost of these books and tracts did not exceed \$600.00; whilst the receipts arising from volumes amounted to \$630.00. The balance of books on hand may be estimated at about \$200.00 in value. It gives us much satisfaction to state that during the past four years more than \$3,600.00 worth of wholesome Baptist literature has been spread abroad through our land by means of our Book Department. In order to lessen the expense of this department it was thought desirable to dispense with the services of colporteurs. Dr. Day has, without remuneration, and at the cost of much labor, received the books into his own house, unpacked them, re-packed and forwarded them according to order. This has materially lessened our expenditure, and, as a result, the Book Department is not only wholly self-sustained, but it is of some financial advantage to the Home Mission treasury.

Your Board earnestly recommend the immediate establishment of a Book Room for the benefit of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces. It will be for the wisdom of our denomination to decide upon the location of such a Room, and upon the most practicable method of conducting and superintending its business arrangements.

FINANCES.

The present condition of our treasury is very satisfactory. The heavy debt of \$3457.44 which encumbered your Board at the beginning of the year has been gradually paid off; and at this time there are funds in hand not only to entirely liquidate that debt, but also to meet all our liabilities up to the present moment, leaving a considerable balance in our favor. This balance was largely increased by the contributions from the Eastern and Island Associations. Your Board is thus in a position to commit to the care of their successors the important interests connected with this enterprise, free from all encumbrances and embarrassments.

The total amount of receipts may, at first sight, seem to compare very unfavorably with that of the preceding year. When this is borne in mind, however, that most of our missionaries received subsidies during the past year, and that under

uch need of Baptists for the propagation of their religion. As do not enter into our accounts, it will be at once apparent that the actual work and receipts of the year just closed compare favorably in many respects with those of former years. The following is a list of the missionaries employed by the Board during the year, and their fields of labor:—

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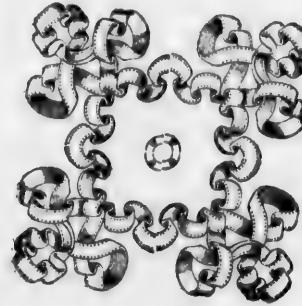
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SUMMARY.

It will be seen from the foregoing table that 18 missionaries and agents have been in commission during the year. They have travelled, in all, 18,098 miles; preached 1,665 sermons; attended 1,078 other meetings; made 4,678 family visits; distributed 13,800 pages of tracts; baptized 101 persons; and performed 53½ weeks of labor.

In addition to their regular missionary appointments your Board have, in many instances, introduced pastors to vacant churches, with much satisfaction to all concerned.

In conclusion, it is the sincere prayer of your Board that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon the efforts of our Union in the future as it has done in the past. The outlook is indeed hopeful. Our chief difficulties have already been overcome. It requires only a little energy, wisdom, and liberality in our denomination, with the blessing of Heaven, to secure glorious results in our evangelistic efforts during the current year. Let us labor in a manner worthy of our exalted vocation and privileges, remembering that our Master is Jesus Christ, and our hire immortal souls. "And let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season shall reap if we faint not."

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Executive Board,

W. H. WARREN,

Farmouth, N. S., July 10, 1877.

LIABILITIES.

15	T. A. Higgins.....	550	32	157	742	3880	66	6	.....
16	W. B. Bradshaw.....	200	00	141	252	744	600	60	.....
17	D. H. Simpson.....	100	00	62	180	70	600	3260	20
	W. P. Anderson.....	50	00	62	94	22	101	429	.....
		30	00	8	94	22	101	429	.....
									\$101 3070 84
									\$1109 17 553 1663 1078 4078

ASSETS.

HOME MISSION.

In Treasurer's hands.....	\$ 8 15
P. E. I. Treasury.....	184 49
good subs., Yar. Co.....	145 00
	—
	8 337 64

FRNCH MISSION.

Premises at Saulnierville.....	\$3000 00
" Tusket.....	2000 00
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	5000 00

BOOK DEPARTMENT.

Books, etc., in hand.....	\$200 00
Due from Schools.....	51 08
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Total	251 08
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	\$6888 72

Paid since the end of the financial year.
Paid \$65.00 since do.

**Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union in account with Prof.
D. Kinney, Treasurer.**

1876.

	DR.	NR.
June 14.	Paid for Stationery, Postage, &c.	4
19.	Paid M. W. Brown for Prof. Welton.	20
20.	Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis.	50
21.	Rev. A. E. Ingram, Mahone Bay.	30
22.	Rev. J. Brown, Cow Bay.	24
23.	S. Selden, printing Minutes.	24
24.	Rev. P. S. McGregor, Cumberland.	32
25.	Rev. W. H. Warren, expenses to Central Association.	10
26.	Fred. D. Crawley, Pleasantville, Lunenburg.	41
	Rev. William Spencer, Alton, Kings Co.	50
July 3.	Rev. Obed Parker, Mountains, Kings Co.	28
6.	Expense collecting Hon. C. R. Bill's legacy.	1
7.	Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis.	12
	S. Selden, printing Western Association Minutes.	77
	Rev. D. Freeman, New Glasgow.	10
8.	Rev. A. E. Ingram, Mahone Bay.	3
	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle.	17
13.	J. C. Plumb, New Albany, \$19.50. P. O. orders, postage, &c., \$2.96.	29
14.	Rev. G. W. Thomas, near Canseau.	100
	Rev. J. R. Skinner, Margree.	14
Aug. 1.	Rev. F. A. Kidson, Dundas, P. E. Island.	1
	Rev. D. McDonald, P. E. I., \$118.89. R. H. Bishop, Hants Co., \$34.65.	18
	Rev. A. E. Ingram, Mahone Bay.	1
4.	Charles Norwood, New Ross and Blue Mountain.	29
	Rev. M. W. Brown, P. E. Island.	1
10.	Rev. F. A. Kidson, Dundas, P. E. Island.	1
11.	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Shelburne.	1
21.	Rev. E. T. Carbonell, River John, Pictou.	1
23.	Rev. D. H. Simpson, P. E. I., \$16.00. P. O. orders, postage, &c., \$0.86.	21
Sept. 1.	C. I. Graves, Guysboro' and Antigonish.	26
	D. W. Crandall, Pugwash, \$10.00. D. H. Simpson, P. E. I., \$25.00.	13
28.	Thomas Trotter, Shelburne.	13
	Copying Press and materials.	15
	Postage, &c., \$4.27. Freight of books, \$5.00.	15
Nov. 1.	Postages, \$1.15. Dec. 7—Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis, \$300.00.	13
Dec. 7.	S. Selden for printing.	15
11.	Rev. John Brown, Milton, Queens Co.	21
	Telegrams, &c., \$1.60. Expenses Draft, &c., \$2.86.	21
14.	E. J. Crant, Port Hawkesbury.	5
	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Osborne, \$20.00. S. Selden, printing, \$4.75.	2
	Gardner Tufts, colporteur, \$38.82. D. H. Simpson, P. E. I., \$12.00.	2
	Rev. John Shaw, P. E. Island.	2
	Rev. J. R. Skinner, Mabou, C. B.	2
	Rev. G. N. Ballantine, Maitland, Hants Co.	2
	G. W. Thomas, Canseau, \$56.00. 15—G. H. Springer, for books, \$100.	2
15.	Rev. Dr. McDonald, North Sydney, \$40.00. Rev. D. McLeod, \$150.00.	2
1877.		
Jan. 11.	Rev. E. T. Carbonell, River John, Pictou.	1
	P. O. order, postages, &c.	1
19.	Rev. A. E. Ingram, Upper Economy, Colchester Co.	1
	Thos. Trotter, \$25.00. Feb. 5—Geo. H. Springer, books, \$140.66.	1
Feb. 6.	Rev. David Freeman, \$30.00. G. H. Springer, books, \$50.60.	1
21.	Rev. J. Brown, Cow Bay.	1
March 1.	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle.	1
6.	Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis.	1
9.	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle.	1
21.	Rev. F. A. Kidson, P. E. Island.	1
	Rev. F. A. Gordon, July 1876.	1
	Printing Island Association Minutes.	1
April 6.	Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis.	1
May 1.	Rev. D. Freeman, \$30.00; expenses, \$0.32.	1
	Rev. J. H. Robbins, \$158.78; expenses, \$0.60.	1
7.	Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, \$41.00; expenses, \$0.17.	1
	Rev. J. H. Robbins.	1
	Duties, freight, \$3.85. G. H. Springer, books, \$100.00.	1
22.	Rev. J. H. Robbins, \$10.00. Freight and duty, \$7.35.	1
	Postage, &c., \$3.86. G. H. Springer, books, \$50.00.	1
	Freight, duty, &c., \$1.62. Rev. E. B. Corey, \$60.00.	1
	Freight, duty, &c.	1

31. **G. H. Springer, books, \$106.00.** Freight, duty and expenses, \$2.50... 108 50
 Telegrams, postage, &c., \$1.70. Rev. Obed Parker, \$95.00... 96 79
 Rev. W. McGregor, P. E. I., \$50.00. Rev. F. A. Kidson, P. E. I., \$100 150 00
 Balance Theological Department account..... 621 66
 Balance in hand..... 64 51

No.	CR.	\$5045 92
16. 2. By balance in hand.....	8	1 53
16. Received from Truro Church, \$68.00. 19—Dalhousie West Ch., \$4.00	72 00	
20. Books sold, \$14.60. Bal. from Rev. P. A. Shields' collections, \$20 82.	35 42	
24. Interest Legacy Hon. C. R. Bill.....	28 00	
27. Western Association, \$667.50. Books sold, \$56.97.....	624 47	
30. Windsor Church, \$85.54. Central Association, \$180.00.....	265 54	
3. Rev. Obed Parker, donation.....	13 00	
6. Upper Wilmot Church, \$3.00. Bridgewater Church, \$1.80.....	4 80	
9. Central Association, balance.....	303 43	
14. Rev. A. H. Lavers, collection at Lapland, Lunenburg.....	221 92	
1. P. E. Island Treasury.....	1 13	
1. Newport Church, per Rev. A. E. Ingram.....	183 64	
1. Eastern Association, balance.....	3 00	
1. Rev. F. A. Kidson, collection P. E. Island.....	254 10	
17. Jas. H. Marshall, Hill Grove.....	61 25	
19. Chas. Eaton, Cornwallis, \$5.00. Hebron Church, Yarmouth, \$16.00	1 00	
22. D. H. Simpson, P. E. Island, donation.....	21 00	
12. Debenture Bonds, \$1343.20. Interest on do., \$43.80.....	16 00	
12. Books, \$74.33. 28—"Friend to Missions," \$5.00.....	1387 00	
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1. 8. "Friend to Missions," Billtown.....	5 00	
29. Rev. L. J. Skinner, Chester.....	4 00	
29. Rev. J. A. Stevens, Newton Centre.....	0 93	
2. J. W. Barss, Wolfville, \$25.00. J. S. Morse, \$4.00.....	29 00	
9. Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent.....	25 00	
21. Wolfville Baptist Sabbath School.....	28 00	
Mrs. S. A. Weber, Ship Harbor.....	1 00	
Rev. W. B. Boggs and wife, \$2.00. 23—Lockeport Church, \$100.00.....	102 00	
26. Rev. J. D. Skinner, Newton Centre.....	1 00	
Hebron Church, \$2.00. March 7—Rev. J. H. Robbins, agent, \$80.00	82 00	
13. Miss Mary Harper, \$1.00. 15—Rev. J. H. Robbins, agent, \$50.00.....	51 00	
21. Rev. E. J. Grant, Port Hawkesbury.....	2 57	
21. Berwick Church, \$25.00. April 2—Wolfville Church, \$3.80.....	1 00	
2. Rev. F. A. Kidson, P. E. Island, collection on field.....	28 80	
2. Rev. F. A. Kidson, P. E. Island, Treasury, July.....	60 85	
P. E. Island Treasury, July.....	61 11	
5. Upper Aylesford Church, \$4.00. 12—Books, \$137.79.....	141 70	
2. Great Village Church, \$7.00. Rev. J. H. Robbins, agent, \$131.93.....	138 93	
17. Books, \$270.78. 22—Beaver River Ch., per Rev. J. H. Robbins, \$18.06.....	288 82	
22. Lower Granville Church, per Rev. J. H. Robbins.....	1 00	
A. H. Scott, per Rev. J. H. Robbins.....	2 00	
Chebogue Church, per Rev. J. H. Robbins.....	11 50	
Balance from Eastern Association, 1876 account.....	50 00	
Mrs. Sarah Weber, Ship Harbor.....	1 00	
Upper Wilmot Church, \$2.25. P. E. I. Treasury, \$150.53.....	152 78	
First Yarmouth Church, \$132.28. Milton Church, Yarmouth, \$35.00.....	167 28	
Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	40 00	
1. By balance in hand.....	\$5045 92	

Examined and found correct,

J. C. ANDERSON, {
 J. H. HALEY, } Auditors.

Yarmouth, N. S., July 9th, 1877.

Acadian French Mission in account with Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer	
1876.	DR.
July 3.	Paid Rev. M. Normonday.....
	Books to Rev. M. Normonday.....
1877.	
May 31.	Paid Rev. M. Normonday at sundry times.....
	\$536 00
1876.	CR.
June 27.	By received from Western Association.....
July 9.	do Central do.....
Aug. 1.	Newport Church, 0.50. 3—Great Village Church, 1.00.....
1877.	
Feb. 21.	J. W. Barss, Esq., 5.00. Mrs. S. A. Weber, Ship Harbor, 1.00.....
	Rev. W. B. Boggs and wife, 1.00. Noah A. Dimock, Esq., 5.00.....
March 3.	Rev. Dr. Cramp, 4.00. Miss Cramp, 1.00.....
6.	George Davies, Esq., Charlottetown, P. E. I.....
8.	Archibald McDonald, Vernon River, P. E. I.....
15.	A friend, Windsor, 5.00. Wolfville Church, 16.75.....
28.	Port Hawkesbury Church, Cape Breton.....
April 5.	Annapolis Church, 5.00. Brookfield Church, 4.40.....
	Caledonia Church, 1.60. Rev. M. Normonday, collection, 102.32.....
14.	Westport Church, 10.00. 1st Cornwallis Church, 20.00.....
28.	Upper Wilmot Church, 20.00. Blomidon Church, 10.00.....
May 2.	Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot Church.....
31.	Weymouth Church, 8.50. Rev. M. Normonday, collection, 11.72.....
	Rev. J. H. Robbins, collected on field.....
	Chebogue Church, 1.80. Ohio Church, Yarmouth, 20.00.....
	Mrs. A. Cogswell, 1.00. Milton Church, Yarmouth, 16.00.....
	Balance.....
June 1.	To balance.....

Examined and found correct,

J. C. ANDERSON, { Auditors
J. H. HALEY,

Yarmouth, N. S., July 9th, 1877.

Theological Department in account with Pearl D. Kinney, Treasurer	
1876.	DR.
June 10.	To paid Professor Welton.....
22.	" ".....
1877.	
May 21.	" " balance of salary.....
	CR.
July 13.	By received from Wm. Cummings, Esq.....
	Isaac Blair, 8.00. Nathan Archibald, 6.00.....
1877.	
May 31.	Balance transferred to Home Mission account.....

Examined and found correct,

J. C. ANDERSON, { Auditors
J. H. HALEY,

Yarmouth, N. S. July 9th, 1877.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union

1. The consolidation of our Home Missionary organizations, both English and French¹ would in the estimation of this Convention, tend to the more rapid advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in the Province;—the French Mission to be considered a separate Department, and all gifts bequests, &c., made to the French Mission to go to the Department.

2. This Convention shall be called the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union.

3. The object of this Union shall be to promote the spread of the gospel throughout the Provinces of Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and the Island of Newfoundland, the fostering of feeble Churches, the planting of new ones, and the dissemination of denominational literature.

4. This Union shall be composed of ordained Baptist ministers in good standing with their respective churches in the Province, delegates appointed by the Churches, each Church in good standing with its respective Association sending not more than three delegates together with the President of Acadia College, the Principal of Theological Institute, and the Principal of Horton Academy, all same being members of Baptist Churches in good standing.

5. The officers of the Union shall be a President, who shall be elected annually by ballot; four Vice-Presidents, one from each Association, two Secretaries, and an Auditor, all of whom shall be appointed by open vote.

6. The Union shall annually appoint and locate an Executive Board of thirteen suitable men, seven of whom shall form a quorum, and every Baptist Pastor in the Province shall have the privilege of meeting with the Board, and taking part in its deliberations; but not voting; the officers of the Society named above to be ex-officio members of the Board.

7. The duty of this Board shall be to conduct the Missionary work of the Union, and report yearly to the same, or oftener if required.

8. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Union held in each of the Nova Scotia Baptist Associations, in turn, to assemble the delegates previous to the meeting of the Association with which it is held, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

9. This Union shall appoint annually a Board of Directors, to consist of eight from each Association composing the Union, whose duty it shall be to give advice to the Executive Board in case of emergency, and by the written requisition of eight or more of the Presidents shall call a special meeting of the Union.

10. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made unless by a two-third affirmative vote of the members present at an Annual meeting.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

S. Central Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1st.—This Association shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, not exceeding five from any one Association, and such other brethren as the Association may see fit to invite to sit in Council.

ART. 2nd.—This Association shall meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body.

ART. 3rd.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate more, but no Church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to their Pastor.

ART. 4th.—At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall preside till his successor is chosen. The choice of Moderator shall take place by ballot, as soon as a list of Delegates has been prepared, hereinafter provided. No brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, maintain due order, and nominate Committees, unless otherwise directed by the Association. A Secretary shall be chosen, whose duty it shall be to record the transactions of the Association, and to furnish a correct copy the same for the press; he is also to remain in office till his successor is chosen.

ART. 5th.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its messengers to the Association giving an account of its state, particularly of the operations and diminutions within the last year, and generally of whatsoever relates to its peace and prosperity.

ART. 6th.—At each annual Meeting the letters from the Churches shall be handed in, from which the Secretary shall immediately make out a list of Delegates. The election of Moderator and Secretary shall then take place, which the letters shall be read. Committees nominated by the Moderator shall not consist of more than five brethren, of whom three shall constitute a quorum. When large committees are judged desirable they shall be appointed by the Association, and two-thirds of the members appointed shall be competent to act.

ART. 7th.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of its standing and order; this being done and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator, in behalf of the Association, give to one of its messengers present

ART. 8th.—When any Church shall neglect to make communication for three years successively it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall at its continuance and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 9th.—Although as an Association all power over the Churches is denied, so far as respects any interference with their independence and self; yet it is deemed a privilege belonging to the Association to judge

of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its

ART. 10th.—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

ART. 11th.—That the Moderator be authorized at any time during the year, to call a special meeting of the Association in pursuance of a requisition signed by ten members thereof.

ART. 12th.—Alterations and amendments may be made to this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any of its regular meetings.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with prayer; and immediately after the opening, the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read and corrected.

RULE 2nd.—No member of the Association shall leave the Session before the business is concluded, without permission of the Association.

RULE 3rd.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

RULE 4th.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

RULE 5th.—Brethren invited to a seat with us may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

RULE 6th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 7th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered at the time.

RULE 8th.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the Session.

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